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14	In re: USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS, LLC,	BK-S-06-10727-LBR BK-S-06-10728-LBR
15	Debtor.	BK-S-06-10729-LBR
16	In re: USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST DEED FUND, LLC,	JOINTLY ADMINISTERED Chapter 11
17	Debtor.	Chapter 11
18 19	In re: USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED FUND, LLC,	DECLARATION OF BRIGID M. HIGGINS IN SUPPORT OF OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF
20	Debtor. In re:	DIRECT LENDERS' OPPOSITION TO STANDARD
21	USA SECURITIES, LLC,	PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT'S MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM
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- I, Brigid M. Higgins, Esq., declares as follows:
- 1. I am over the age of 18 and mentally competent. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this matter and if called upon to testify, could and would do so. I make this declaration in support of the Official Committee of Direct Lenders' Opposition to Standard Property Development's Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay.
- 2. I am a shareholder with the law firm of Gordon & Silver, Ltd., ("G&S"), which firm maintains its offices at 3960 Howard Hughes Parkway, Ninth Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. I am admitted to practice law before this Court.
- 3. Exhibit "1" attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a representative Loan Servicing Agreement.
- 4. On or about July 28, 2006, I sent a letter to USA Commercial Mortgage's ("USACM") counsel demanding that, pursuant to the USACM's duties under the Loan Servicing Agreement, USACM seek injunctive relief on behalf of the Direct Lenders on the Standard Note (as defined in the Opposition) to enjoin the Standard Court State Action (as defined in the Opposition) pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105(a). Exhibit "2" attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the July 28, 2006 correspondence.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States that these facts are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this day of August, 2006.

BRIGID M. HIGGIN SESQ

# EXHIBIT "1"

## LOAN SERVICING AGREEMENT



This Loan Servicing Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of the 18 day of February, 2004, between USA Commercial Mortgage Company ("USA") and ("Lender").

#### RECITALS

- A. USA is a mortgage broker and loan servicer in Clark County, Nevada.
- B. Lender lends, or wishes to lend, money to various borrowers (the term "Borrower" includes single and married persons, corporations, trusts, partnerships and all other legal entities) from time to time, which loans are arranged by USA and are secured by interests in real and/or personal property.
- C. Lender wishes to retain the services of USA in connection with making and servicing a loan or loans ("Loan" or "Loans" as the context requires), including all Loans heretofore or hereafter placed by Lender through USA, all upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Services in Connection with Arranging the Loans</u>. USA will perform the following services in connection with arranging each Loan:
- (a) Obtain a promissory note or notes secured by the trust deed referred to in Section 1(b) below, executed by Borrower in a form customarily used by USA and approved by USA's counsel.
- (b) Obtain a deed of trust, assignment of rents and security agreement executed by Borrower in form customarily used by USA and approved by USA's counsel, and cause the same to be properly recorded.
- (c) Obtain one or more personal or corporate guaranties, if applicable and as determined by USA to be necessary, executed by such guarantors, as USA shall deem appropriate, in form customarily used by USA.
- (d) If USA deems it appropriate or necessary, obtain, at Borrower's expense, an appraisal of the property to be encumbered, prepared and executed by an appraiser reasonably satisfactory to USA.
- (e) Obtain from a reputable title insurance company, at Borrower's expense, a fully-paid ALTA lender's policy of title insurance, showing Lender as an insured, in an amount at least equal to the initial principal amount of the note and showing as exceptions only those items approved by USA and its counsel.
- (f) Cause the Borrower to obtain, where applicable, casualty insurance policies in amounts at least equal to the principal amount of the note or the full insurable value of the improvements on the encumbered real property, whichever is less, containing a mortgage or loss payee clause naming Lender, or USA (as agent for Lender), as an additional insured or loss payee.

- (g) Obtain from the Borrower and each guarantor such recent financial statements and information as USA shall deem appropriate.
- (h) Obtain, with respect to any and all encumbrances of record to which Lender's deed of trust will be subject, documentation verifying the principal balance thereof within a reasonable time prior to the making of the Loan and specifying any then existing defaults thereunder.
- (i) Obtain such other documents in connection with the Loan, as USA may deem appropriate in order to protect the Lender's interest.
- (j) All documents which USA obtains from borrower in connection with arranging or servicing any Loan, so long as such Loan is outstanding, shall be kept on file in USA's corporate office and be available to Lender upon request. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USA shall have no obligation or responsibility to obtain any original documents in connection with any Loan serviced by USA, but not arranged or originated by USA.
- (k) Prepare and deliver to escrow closing instructions to effectuate the Loan closing in accordance with the Loan Agreement and the Fee Agreement.
- 2. <u>Services of USA in Connection with Servicing the Loans</u>. Subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and all applicable laws, Lender instructs and authorizes USA to, and USA will perform the following services in connection with servicing each of the Loans:
- (a) Verify, where applicable, that the property encumbered by Lender's deed of trust is insured (at the Borrower's expense) by a sufficient casualty insurance policy and that Borrower has sufficient liability insurance coverage. USA will hold for the Lender's account such policies and renewals thereof.
- (b) Keep appropriate accounting records on each note and the sums collected thereon, which records will reflect the amounts collected as to principal, interest and late charges, and, if applicable, insurance, taxes and other specified amounts. Those records will be available for review by the Lender during regular business hours at USA's corporate office.
  - (c) Until the total amount due under each note is paid in full:
    - (i) Proceed diligently to collect all payments due under the terms of the note and promptly pay the proper parties, when and if due, principal, interest, late charges, insurance and other specified funds.
    - (ii) In the event the Borrower fails to make any payment to USA as required by the terms of the note, USA will take steps to collect the payment including but not limited to delivering default notices, commencing and pursuing foreclosure procedures, and obtaining representation for Lender in litigation and bankruptcy proceedings as deemed necessary or appropriate by USA in its business judgment to fully protect the interests of the Lender, and of all Lenders in the loan.

- (iii) In its sole discretion, USA may pay off any Lender at any time by paying the then outstanding balance of Lender's interest in the principal of the Loan, plus all accrued interest and any prepayment penalty or fee, if applicable. Any Lender so paid off shall concurrently execute and deliver therewith to USA an assignment, in a form acceptable to USA, of all of such Lender's right, title, and interest in the Loan (including all documents evidencing the Loan) and in the deed of trust securing the Loan.
- (iv) In its sole discretion, USA may waive late payment charges, assumption fees, charges for returned checks due to insufficient funds, or other fees which may be collected in the ordinary course of servicing the Loans.
- (d) Provide the Lender with regular statements regarding loan collections, but in no event less frequently than quarterly.
- Without limiting the generality of anything contained herein, Lender hereby authorizes and empowers USA, on Lender's behalf, to: (1) execute and deliver demands for payoff and beneficiary's / lender's statements of condition and the like; (2) execute and deliver any and all instruments if satisfaction or cancellation, or of partial or full release, discharge, or reconveyance, or authorizations in connection therewith, with respect to any Loans paid in full and with respect to the related real or personal property securing such Loans; (3) execute and deliver any and all other documents with respect to any Loans that are customary and consistent with loan servicing practices pertaining to such loans; (4) consent to modifications of the Loans if the effect of any such modification will not materially or adversely affect the security provided by the real or personal property in connection therewith; (5) institute foreclosure proceedings (judicial or non-judicial), obtain a deed-in-lieu thereof, engage in settlement discussions, and enter into forbearance and other settlement-related agreements (which agreements may contain provisions that release or waive claims against a Borrower or Guarantor); and (6) take title in the name of Lender (in proportion to its interest in the Loan) to any real property upon a foreclosure or delivery of a deed-in-lieu thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision contained herein, USA may not permit any modification to any Loan that would change the interest rate, forgive the payment of any principal or interest (expressly excluding late charges or the difference between default and non-default interest), change the outstanding principal amount, or extend the maturity date, without Lender's prior consent; provided, however, if Lender fails to grant or deny its consent within three (3) business days after notice from USA, Lender shall be deemed to have conclusively given its consent.
- 3. Rights of Lender if USA Fails to Act. Pursuant to NAC 645B.073, in the event of default, foreclosure, or other matters that require action, if for any reason USA fails to act on Lender's behalf as authorized herein, then Lender may, with approval of fifty-one percent (51%) or more of all of the holders of the beneficial interest of record in the Loan, act on behalf of all such holders of beneficial interest of record. These actions may include, but are not limited to:
  - (a) the designation of the mortgage broker, servicing agent or other person to act on behalf of the holders of the beneficial interests in the loan; and
  - (b) the sale, encumbrance or lease of real property owned by the holders resulting from a foreclosure or the receipt of a deed in lieu of a foreclosure.
- 4. <u>Legal Proceedings</u>. USA will assist the Lender in any necessary foreclosure proceedings to protect the Lender's interest in the note and deed of trust. Where necessary, in USA's business judgment, USA v.1 Rev. 8/04

may retain attorneys on Lender's behalf. Any legal proceeding instituted by USA pursuant to this Agreement may be pursued in USA's name only or as agent for Lender. Upon demand by USA, Lender agrees to promptly pay, either in advance or to reimburse USA, for its pro rata portion of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred, including attorney's fees, trustee's fees and foreclosure costs. In the event that Lender fails to pay such sums to USA upon demand or request thereof, or if USA elects to advance such sums, USA may, in its discretion, advance such fees, including trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and costs of foreclosure; provided, however, that any fees advanced by USA shall be paid back from the proceeds of the foreclosure (whether by reinstatement or sale), or from any other monies collected with respect to such Loan, before any payments are made to Lender. In the event of any litigation concerning the Loan, Lender hereby appoints USA as its agent to accept service of any summons and complaint, naming Lender as a party.

5. Compensation to USA for Loan Servicing. Lender authorizes USA to retain monthly, as compensation for services performed hereunder, (a) one-twelfth (1/12th) of its annual servicing fee, which shall not exceed three percent (3%) per annum of the maximum principal amount of each of the Loans, (b) any late charges collected from the Borrower pursuant to the terms of the Note, and (c) and default interest collected from the Borrower pursuant to the terms of the Note. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed and acknowledged that USA derives the bulk of its revenues from charging loan fees ("points") to the Borrower. Certain Borrowers, however, may prefer to pay a higher rate of interest in exchange for a reduction in loan fees payable in advance to USA, the higher interest rate comprising a deferred loan fee. USA will notify Lender when such a case arises, and advise Lender of what portion of the interest is payable to USA as a deferred loan fee.

Should Lender desire to sell all or any part of its interest in the note and deed of trust, USA will assist Lender in finding potential buyers and completing the necessary documentation for the transaction. A fee of 5% of the remaining balance of Lender's undivided interest in the note amount will be deducted from the selling price and paid to USA on all such assignments for which USA locates the Assignee.

In the event an extension of a Loan is negotiated, USA shall be entitled to charge a fee therefor from the Borrower pursuant any separate fee agreement between USA and the Borrower.

- 6. <u>USA's Right to Delegate</u>. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, USA may in its sole discretion delegate specific loan arranging and servicing obligations to credit bureaus, real estate tax service companies, real estate brokers or agents, appraisers, attorneys, trustees, or others, provided that USA shall remain responsible for all action taken or not taken by such companies, agents, representatives, and others throughout the term of this Agreement.
- 7. <u>No Legal Advice</u>. Lender acknowledges that USA will not act as Lender's attorney or provide legal advice to Lender, and that Lender is encouraged to seek independent counsel in connection with any questions Lender may have concerning this agreement, any Loan, USA's form loan documents, or any other matter.
- 8. <u>Termination</u>. Lender may, by 30 days written notice to USA, terminate this agreement, and the power of attorney granted, if one is granted, under Section 11 of this Agreement, if USA fails to perform its obligations hereunder.
- 9. <u>Lender's Registration</u>. Lender(s) name as listed in the first paragraph of this Agreement is the exact form for registration of Lender's interest and for reference to Lender in the Loan Documents.

- 10. <u>Integration Clause</u>. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and cannot be modified except by a written amendment signed by both parties. The invalidity of any portion of this agreement shall in no way affect the balance thereof. This Agreement shall remain in effect until Lender's interest in all notes and deeds of trust with respect to Loans arranged and/or serviced by USA is completely liquidated (unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms hereof).
- 11. <u>Limited Power of Attorney</u>. With respect to each loan, Lender hereby agrees that USA shall have full power and authority, and Lender hereby appoints USA as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to (a) hold the original note(s), and (b) to do all things and take all actions on behalf of Lender which are necessary or convenient to effectuate this Agreement and its intent and to protect Lender's interest under any note, deed of trust, guaranty, security agreement or other document pertaining to any Loan. Upon USA's request, Lender hereby agrees to execute and deliver, in the presence of a notary public, a "Declaration of Agency and Limited Power of Attorney", in a form consistent with Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised Statutes, pursuant to which Lender shall further evidence the appointment of USA as Lender's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to undertake the duties of USA hereunder. No one shall be required to look beyond such Declaration of Agency and Limited Power of Attorney for evidence of USA's authority hereunder. All Declarations of Agency and Limited Powers of Attorney may include the language: This document may be executed with counterpart signature pages, and the document with all counterpart signature pages shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 12. <u>Notices.</u> All notices, demands and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (i) when personally delivered, or (ii) on receipt, when deposited with a recognized overnight courier service such as Federal Express or DHL, or (iii) three (3) business days after the date when deposited in the United States mail and sent postage prepaid by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

If to USA:

USA Commercial Mortgage Company 4484 S. Pecos Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89121-5030 Attention:

If to Lender:

#### Attention:

or at such other address as the party to be served with notice may have furnished in writing to the party seeking or desiring to serve notice as a place for the service of notice.

- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, without regard to the conflict of laws or rules thereof, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws,
- 14. <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

- 15. Attorney's Fees. In the event any party hereto brings an action to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement, the party against whom judgment is rendered in such action shall be liable to the other for reimbursement of its costs, expenses and attorneys' fees, including such costs, expenses and fees as may be incurred on appeal,
- 16. <u>Successors and Assigns.</u> This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties' respective successors and assigns.
- 17. <u>Headings.</u> Sections headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- 18. <u>Authority.</u> Each party represents and warrants to the other party that it is duly authorized to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed, sealed, acknowledged and delivered this instrument the day and year first above written.

By: Name: Title:
By: Name:
Name: Title:
USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY
By:

LENDER:

## **EXHIBIT** "2"

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July 28, 2006

#### VIA FACSIMILE: (702) 892-0122

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Re: USA Commercial Mortgage Company, et al.

Our File Number: 100933-001

#### Dear Lenny:

On or about July 19, 2006, Standard Property Development, LLC ("Standard") filed its Motion For Relief From The Automatic Stay ("Stay Relief Motion") [docket no. 903] in which Standard states that it has already commenced an action, case no. 2006-CA-5756 ("Standard State Court Action"), in the Ninth Judicial District in and for Orange County, Florida ("Florida State Court"), against all of the direct lenders listed on that certain Promissory Note Secured By Mortgage dated February 27, 2006 in favor of Standard ("Standard Note"). The Standard State Court Action was allegedly commenced on July 17, 2006 and the complaint ("Standard Complaint") generally asserts that the direct lenders breached the Standard Note and that certain Construction Loan Agreement by failing to continue to fund the Standard Note and that USA Commercial Mortgage Company ("USACM") (as the alleged agent of the direct lenders) fraudulently induced Standard into entering the contracts.

In the Stay Relief Motion, Standard seeks relief from the automatic stay: (1) to provide notices to the construction control company, Project Disbursement Group ("PDG"), instructing PDG to withhold further interest amounts; and (2) to add USACM and the First Trust Deed Fund as defendants in the Standard State Court Action and liquidate any claims Standard may have against those parties.

The Standard Note contains a Nevada choice of law provision and a Clark County choice of venue provision. The Construction Loan Agreement provides that the lenders agree to make a loan for \$8,240,000 ("Loan Amount") subject to the terms and conditions of the related loan documents. See Construction Loan Agreement, §3.1. Section 3.2 of the Construction Loan Agreement further provides that the direct lenders and USACM "shall have the exclusive right, but not the obligation, to increase the Loan Amount to an amount not to exceed Seventeen Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$17,750,000). . . Nothing herein shall be deemed to be a commitment by Lender

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or USA to fund to [Standard] any more than the initial Loan Amount." The Construction Loan Agreement also contains a Nevada choice of law provision and a Nevada choice of forum provision. See Construction Loan Agreement, §8.15.

Despite these unambiguous choice of law and choice of forum provisions, Standard justifies the filing in Florida State Court by claiming that the choice of forum provisions are against public policy and therefore, unenforceable. Standard alleges jurisdiction in Florida is granted pursuant to Fla. Stat.§48.193(c) and (g) (granting jurisdiction in Florida courts arising from "[o]wning, using, possessing, or holding a mortgage or other lien on any real property within this State." and "[b]reaching a contract in this state by failing to perform acts required by the contract to be performed in this state."). However, in Florida, choice of forum provisions are presumptively valid and enforceable in the absence of a showing that enforcement would be "unreasonable or unjust." Swarovski North America, Ltd., v. House of China, Crystal & Silver, Inc., 848 So.2d 452, 453 (Fla.App. 4 Dist. 2003). The test for whether a forum selection provision is unreasonable or unjust is whether the forum "is the equivalent of no forum at all". Corsec, S.L. v. VMC International Franchising, LLC, 909 So.2d 945, 947 (Fla.App. 4 Dist. 2005). Clearly, the provisions designating Nevada as the choice of forum are enforceable.

Pursuant to the Loan Servicing Agreement, USACM agreed to take steps to collect payment, including obtaining representation for the direct lender in litigation "as deemed appropriate by USACM in its business judgment to fully protect the interests of the direct lender], and all of the [direct lenders] in the loan." See Loan Servicing Agreement, §2(c)(ii). Generally, USACM agrees to assist the direct lender in foreclosure proceedings to protect the direct lender's interest in the note and deed of trust. See Loan Servicing Agreement, §4. In fact, the direct lender appointed USACM as its agent to accept service of any summons or complaint which named the direct lender as a party. See Loan Servicing Agreement, §4. In addition, the Loan Servicing Agreement provides that the direct lenders authorized USACM to "do all things and take all actions on behalf of [direct lender] which are necessary or convenient to effectuate this agreement and its intent and to protect [direct lender's] interest under any note, deed of trust, guaranty, security agreement or other document pertaining to any Loan." See Loan Servicing Agreement, §11.

While the Official Committee of Holders of Executory Contract Rights (the "Direct Lender Committee") questions its standing to seek relief in the bankruptcy court enjoining the Florida State Action, the Direct Lender Committee believes that USACM has both standing and the responsibility under the relevant documents to seek to enjoin the Florida State Action as against the direct lenders, USACM and the First Trust Deed Fund. The Direct Lender Committee demands that USACM seek such injunctive relief on behalf of the direct lenders in the Standard Property loan.

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In particular, such injunctive relief may be sought in the bankruptcy court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105. On August 30, 2005, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rendered a decision providing that the traditional federal standard governing the issuance of a preliminary injunction is not applicable in the bankruptcy context. See Beck v. Fort James Corp. et al. (In re Crown Vantage, Inc.), 421 F.3d 963 (9th Cir. 2005). Specifically, the Crown Vantage Court stated:

In the usual federal civil case, '[t]he standard for granting a preliminary injunction balances the plaintiff's likelihood of success against the related hardship to the parties.' Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, 340 F.3d 810, 813 (9th Cir. 2003). However, our usual preliminary injunction standard does not apply to injunctions issued by the bankruptcy court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105.

Id. at 975 (emphasis added).

The <u>Crown Vantage</u> Court then explained that the "only requirement for the issuance of an injunction under § 105 is that the remedy conform to the objectives of the Bankruptcy Code." <u>Id.</u> Expanding on this, the <u>Crown Vantage</u> Court stated:

thus, as the Seventh Circuit has observed: a bankruptcy court can enjoin proceedings in other courts when it is satisfied that such proceedings would defeat or impair its jurisdiction over the case before it. In other words, the court does not need to demonstrate an inadequate remedy at law or irreparable harm. In re L&S Industries, Inc., 989 F.2d 929, 932 (7th Cir. 1993). As the Sixth Circuit further noted, 'Section 105(a) contemplates injunctive relief in precisely those circumstances where the parties are 'pursuing actions in other courts that threaten the integrity of a bankrupt's estate." DeLorean, 991 F.2d at 1242 (quoting In re Baptist Medical Center, 80 B.R. 637, 641 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 1987) (quoting Manville Corp. v. Equity Security Holders Comm. (In re Johns-Manville Corp.), 801 F.2d 60, 63 (2nd Cir. 1986)).

Id. at 976.

In two very recent, distinct proceedings both Judge Markell and Judge Zive have affirmatively cited <u>In re Crown Vantage</u>, <u>Inc.</u> in the context of motions seeking preliminary injunctions. I have attached a copy of a memo discussing the <u>Crown Vantage</u> case and the recent decision by Judge Markell for your review.

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Time is of the essence. The Direct Lender Committee is uncertain as to the status of service of the Standard Complaint on the direct lenders involved in the Standard Property loan. Standard alleges that the direct lenders are subject to service of process in accordance with Fla. Stat. §48.194(1) which in pertinent part provides that:

Except as otherwise provided herein, service of process on persons outside of this state shall be made in the same manner as service within this state by any officer authorized to serve process in the state where the person is served. No court order is required.

The Standard State Court Action was filed on July 17, 2006, and depending on the status of process, responsive pleadings in that action may be due within the month.

Please review the attached memo and contact me immediately to discuss this matter further.

Very truly yours,

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